

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: by Chairman Walter McNutt, on January 28, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing and Date Posted: HB 268, HJ 8, HJ 12, 1/23/09

Executive Action: None

00:00:23 Chairman McNutt

HEARING ON HB 268

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:35 Rep. Bob Lake (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 268, Revise requirement/process for governor to direct reduced general fund spending.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:32 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:06 Rep. Getz
00:11:28 Mr. Ewer
00:13:21 Rep. Getz
00:13:39 Mr. Ewer
00:14:37 Rep. Getz
00:14:43 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:15:49 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:53 Rep. Lake

HEARING ON HJ 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:53 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HJ 8, Provide for combining E. Montana AG extension office with research facility.

[EXHIBIT \(aph20a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:54 Jeff Jacobson, College of Agriculture

00:22:12 Willie Duffield, Richland County Commissioners

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00:23:50 Sen. Don Steinbeisser

00:24:41 Doug Steele, Montana State University Extension

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:27:09 Russ Katherman, Architecture and Engineering Division,
Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:13 Rep. Kasten

HEARING ON HJ 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:07 Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D), HD 8, opened the hearing on
HJ 12, Jobs recovery resolution.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:38 Rep. Hollandsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:50 Rep. Steenson

Announcements:

00:39:01 Rep. Getz

00:39:50 Chairman McNutt

ADJOURNMENT

00:40:31 Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph20aad.pdf](#))